

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the non-final Office Action dated March 17, 2008. Claims 27-46 are pending in the application. All of the pending claims have been rejected. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 27-44. However, the Examiner noted that those claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant's regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended claims 27, 30-32, 36-37, and 41-42 to address the specific issues cited by the Examiner. Applicant submits that these amendments are formal in nature and do not alter the scope of the claims. In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 27-44 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Examiner next rejected claims 45 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardinge in view of Doyle. The Examiner stated that Hardinge teaches a table, means for securing 6, and a plurality of legs. The Examiner then stated that the only difference between the Hardinge reference and the claimed invention is that the legs of Hardinge are not telescopically adjustable. The Examiner then stated that the Doyle reference teaches telescopically-adjustable legs with control means. The Examiner then concluded that it would have been obvious to modify the table taught by the Hardinge reference to include vertically-adjustable legs and control means, as taught by Doyle.

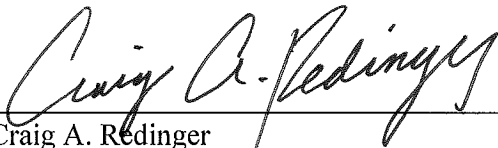
Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, because the Examiner has failed to state a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Applicant notes that the invention of independent claim 45 is directed to a method of providing a modular base for an industrial machine having various types of fixturing and tooling configured to perform a specific manufacturing operation. The method of claim 45 includes the step of connecting a control panel in electronic communication with the industrial machine to cause the industrial machine to perform the specific manufacturing operation.

The Examiner's contention that Doyle teaches the method step of connecting a control panel to an industrial machine to cause that industrial machine to perform that specific manufacturing operation is incorrect. Applicant submits that Doyle teaches an operator control 100. Doyle teaches that the operator control 100 functions to control the telescopic leg assemblies 80 and 90 of Doyle to change the height of the work surface 20 (Col. 3, lines 29-56). There is no teaching in the Doyle reference of connecting the operator control 100 to an industrial machine to cause that industrial machine to perform a specific manufacturing operation, as required by claim 45. In contrast, Applicant's specification teaches that this method allows an industrial machine to be easily replaced without the cost of having to rebuild or replace the surrounding equipment. This functionality is not taught by Doyle. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 45 and 46 be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons and in light of the amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections and objections to the above-noted claims and allow the claims to proceed to issue.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this matter, Applicant's Attorney may be reached at (734) 662-0270 or by electronic mail at redinger@youngbasile.com.

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